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1. On 4 February 1954, the Flak Kaserne in Wismar was heavily occupied. On 12 January, a SU-76 left the installation toward town. It returned at about 2 p.m. At about 9:30 a.m. on 17 January, 14 trucks, each occupied by 16 to 18 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets moved out of the installation. They returned at about 3 p.m. At about 2:30 p.m. on 18 January, a jeep, 8 trucks each occupied by 16 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets and 2 trucks towing 85-mm AT guns and each occupied by 16 soldiers with black-bordered crimson epaulets and 1 SU-76 entered the installation, coming from the direction of Schwerin.

On 21 January, 1 jeep and 6 trucks towing 85-mm AT guns entered the installation from the direction of the town. Between 11 January and 4 February, about 180 to 200 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets daily left the installation, heading for the former Dornier airfield. They used to return between 5 and 6 p.m. About 70 to 80 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets daily marched out of the installation for carbine firing with live ammunition at the former German target range on Floether Weg, just south of Rostocker Strasse, at the eastern exit of the town, near the military cemetery. The soldiers returned in the afternoon. About 70 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets practiced aiming in the north-eastern corner of the installation every morning. On 4 February, construction work, apparently reconditioning work, on one of the barracks buildings was continued.

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2. After daily sharpshooting practice at the former German target range on Floether Weg had been transferred, no training activity was noticed in Koepernitztal and on the aforementioned target range.
3. On 4 February, the residences north of Highway No 105 were occupied by a signal unit. Sentries observed wore black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia. About 60 to 70 soldiers wearing black-bordered black epaulets with signal insignia left the two houses almost daily at noon, heading for the barracks installation. They were presumably going for dinner.

4. the new road by-pass north of Wismar, which connects Highway No 105 with Highway No 106, was about 75 percent completed. Work had temporarily been stopped because of the heavy frost.

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5. After about 25 January, three municipal buildings in the settlement of the nationalized Matthias-Thesen-Werft in Vorwendorf were occupied by Soviet officers' dependents. An increased number of Soviet women and children were seen in Wismar after late January.

Comment.

the present report indicates that the occupation of the Flak Kaserne remained unchanged. The 85-mm AT guns which had previously been observed belong either to the 283th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt or to the 19th Gds Gun Arty Regt of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. The signal operation detachment in the residences north of Highway No 105 has been known long since.

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